

# CHARTER DAY BIG SUCCESS

by John Poka

The fifth anniversary of the founding of Bronx Community College was commemorated in a three-day celebration, May 9-11, called BCC Charter Days.

The first part of the festivities started on Thursday evening with a convocation in the Auditorium. Several hundred students, their families, and faculty members attended the program at which time the newly renovated building was formally dedicated. The five members of the Board of Higher Education who comprise the BCC Administrative Committee, the Hon. Renato J. Azzari, the Hon. John E. Conboy, the Hon. Joseph Schlossberg, the Hon. Ruth S. Shoup, and the Hon. Gustave G. Rosenberg

who is Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, received special citations of appreciation for their devotion to the development and progress of the College. The citations were presented by members of the faculty who were assisted by honor students. Students who were on the Deans' Lists this year were recognized for their outstanding scholarship.

#### Dr. Cherne Speaks

The guest speaker for the evening was the eminent Dr. Leo Cherne, Executive Director of the Research Institute of America, whose topic was "Some Misconceptions About Cuba."

The second day's program was sponsored by the Student Council. It was a concert featuring the in-

ternational folk singer, Miriam Makeba. The "Standing Room Only" sign was posted on the Auditorium doors. Miss Makeba of-

fered a grand program of music to the happy crowd.

The Persian Room of the Plaza Hotel in downtown Manhattan was

the scene of the third day's celebration on Saturday, May 11. The formal Charter Day Luncheon was attended by nearly 300 faculty members, friends of the college, students, alumni, and their families. This occasion was the opportunity to honor three men who have served the needs of Bronx Community College with much devotion during the first five years. The special honors went to Mr. George D. Busher, Chairman of the BCC Advisory Committee; to the Hon. Judge Jonah Goldstein, President of the Grand Street Boys' Foundation which has contributed thousands of dollars to the work-scholarship program at the College, and to Dr. Morris Meister, the

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GUEST TABLE: L to R—Judge Jonah Goldstein, Mrs. Meister, Dr. and Mrs Renato Azzari, Pres. Morris Meister, Dr. Kenneth Doran, Mr. George Busher.



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### Warden Wins Presidency

The results of the May 17 election for next semester's Student Council officers were announced. Newly elected officers are: Larry Warden, President (unopposed); Gloria Acosta, Vice President, over Sondra Margolis; Arlene Cash, Corresponding Secretary (unopposed); Louis Atlas, Senior Class Representative, (unopposed).

Joseph Tinari, Business and Commerce Representative, over Barry Wagner; Steve Simon, Jr. Class Representative (unopposed); Linda Wilen, Medical Laboratory Technology Representative (unopposed); Larry Kirsh, Electrical Technology Representative (unopposed); and Karen Weintraub, Liberal Arts Representative (unopposed).

There were no candidates for the offices of Treasurer, Recording

Secretary, Mechanical Technology Representative, Pre-Engineering, Nursing, Pre - Pharmacy, and Chemical Technology Representatives. A special election will take place in the fall to fill these vacancies.



PRESIDENT-ELECT: Larry Warden (standing right) meeting with members of student committee.

### Summer Session Set

The summer session at Bronx Community College will operate on two shifts this year: the morning shift — 9:00 to 1:00; and the evening shift — 6:00 to 10:00. This is the first time that a morning schedule has been offered. Classes will begin Monday, June 24 and end on Wednesday, August 7. A Summer Session Registration Guide is available in the Registrar's Office.

Students who have pre-registered may register for summer classes on June 17 and 18, according to the alphabetical schedule that has been posted. Others may register on later dates. The tuition fee for matriculated students is \$10 per contact hour and for non-matriculated students it is \$15 per contact hour. All classes will meet on Monday through Thursday in the Main Building.

#### Changes

If a student who has pre-registered for a course finds that it is not being offered in the summer session, he may immediately replace the cancelled course with another of his choice at the time of his registration. A student who has pre-registered for two courses and wants to take two different courses must wait until Thursday evening, June 20, to expedite the change.

Dr. Henry F. White, Director of the Summer Session, suggested that students do not attempt to take too many courses. He emphasized that students be "judicious in their selection of courses," and advises them not to take more than one science course during the Summer Session.

Here's to a warm and profitable summer!

### New Manager Takes Over Cafeteria

The largest private cafeteria concessionaire and management firm in New York is now operating the BCC student cafeteria.

T. McDermott and Co., was selected from a list of several catering concerns, all bidding to secure the new management, by a joint student-faculty board consisting of three top administrative officials and three student leaders.

Sitting on the board with President Morris Meister, Dean Abraham Tauber, and Fiscal Officer Joseph Berman were Richard Peters, President of the Day Session Student Council, Clive Brash, Treasurer, and Van Farber, Editor of the *Communicator*. The board singled out McDermott and Co., on the basis of efficiency, prices, and the variety of foods and dishes offered.

Mr. Peters hailed the manner in which the new cafeteria management was chosen as a "milestone in student-faculty relations," and he called for a continuation of such innovations in other matters, both

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### Senior Prom Coming Up

The Senior Royal Ball, a gala dinner-dance, will be held on Saturday, June 8, 1963 in the elegant Terrace Room of the Hotel New Yorker.

A seven-course dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. Entertainment and music for dancing will be provided by the band of Vic and Larry Ash. Tickets have been sold at \$17.00 per couple.

Members of the Prom Committee are Mitchell Feingold, chairman; Helen Zeppenfeldt, Medis Green, Myrna Vasquez and Miss Marion Stringham, faculty advisor.

### Pres. Meister, Dean Tauber Cleared By Committee

by Tom Ratner

A Board of Higher Education committee has cleared President Morris Meister and Dean Abraham Tauber of charges of irregularities leveled against them by former BCC faculty members.

The committee, headed by the Honorable Charles H. Tuttle, had been conducting an investigation of complaints lodged against the BCC administration by an "Aggrieved Committee" of instructors whose contracts were not renewed for the Fall 1962 semester.

Dr. Meister and Dean Tauber had been accused of receiving gifts of money and liquor from representatives of construction firms, making false claims of academic degrees in the hiring of faculty personnel, and taking bribes from influential citizens in order that their sons be admitted to the college, regardless of their qualifications. Included in the investigation was the case of a student's grade being altered due to the alleged political influence of his father. Dean Tauber was criticized by the committee, in this instance, for his method of handling the situation.

The Tuttle Committee held eighteen evening sessions and called sixteen witnesses, including Dr. Meister and Dean Tauber, both of whom flatly denied any and all charges under oath. Seventy exhibits were admitted as evidence and 1241 pages of testimony were recorded.

In addition to chairman Tuttle, committee members included the Hon. Gladys Dorman, vice-chairman; the Hon. Renato J. Azzari; the Hon. Harry J. Carman; the Hon. Ella Streater, who resigned from the committee before its deliberations were completed; and the Hon. Gustave Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, ex officio.

The committee ended its report with the following statement:

"Our committee concludes by saying that its investigation has revealed nothing reflecting on Dr. Meister, either personally or as president of the college, and nothing to lessen the confidence in him which the faculty of the college, the Board of Higher Education, and the public have.

"The college, we are sure, will continue to enjoy and uphold its honored place and service among community colleges under the guidance and leadership of President Meister."

### ASTME Here

The American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers (ASTME) chartered its forty-seventh student chapter at BCC on Friday, May 10, 1963.

As a result of many months of exploration of possible student-professional organizations, mechanical technology students at BCC selected ASTME and fulfilled requirements for membership in

this national engineering society. It is the purpose of the society that attracted the students and faculty of BCC to affiliate with ASTME, "to advance the scientific knowledge in the field of tool and manufacturing engineering which encompasses all phases of engineering related to manufacturing, and the means and methods of applying such knowledge in practice and education."

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## Mascot Named

The bronco was chosen to be the BCC mascot by a popular vote of the students.

## Teacher Of The Month

by Tom Ratner

Mr. Thomas G. Ratcliffe, Jr., of the English Department, our Teacher of the Month, is currently serving as faculty advisor to BCC's Drama Club, as well as an English instructor. Yet, it was largely by chance that Mr. Ratcliffe was able to pursue his teaching career.

After being released by the Army at the end of World War II, Mr. Ratcliffe joined John Gassner at Columbia Pictures as assistant play editor. Prior to the war Mr. Ratcliffe had spent twelve years as a scout for MGM Pictures. During that time he also wrote articles on drama and the theater for such international publications as *Dello Spettacolo* and *Collier's Oxford Companion to Theater*. In addition, he spent seven years as the producer-director of the Seaclyffe Summer Theater on Long Island.

Not long after he started working at Columbia Pictures, Mr. Ratcliffe was invited by Mr. Gassner to teach at the New School. Mr. Ratcliffe agreed to try it. Finding that he enjoyed teaching so much better than anything that he had ever done, he decided to make a full-time career out of it. Mr. Ratcliffe also taught at Columbia University and Queens College before joining the faculty at BCC. He is presently editing three play anthologies and intends to study for his doctorate.

Born in St. Louis in 1913, Mr. Ratcliffe attended Harvard, majored in English Literature, and graduated with his B. A. in 1935.

He then joined the Old Vic Company in London in 1936, barely missing the chance of performing with Charles Laughton and Lawrence Olivier.

Mr. Ratcliffe received his M. A. from New York University after making his decision to continue teaching. He is a confirmed bachelor, and next to the theater his chief sources of recreation are tennis and swimming. He has done a considerable amount of traveling, particularly before the war, when he took several trips to Western Europe.

When asked about current plans of the Drama Club, Mr. Ratcliffe indicated that four short productions would be presented on the BCC stage in May. They would include two original student plays, and one each by Thornton Wilder and Eugene O'Neil.

Every instructor has certain trademarks which immediately identify him to his students wherever he goes. Mr. Ratcliffe is no exception. He carries his books and papers in a green cloth bag and he polishes his eye-glasses with a dollar bill. A good crisp bill of currency (the higher the value, the better) can clean a pair of glasses better than anything else, he claims. It is a technique that might be well worth trying.

What does the future hold for Mr. Thomas G. Ratcliffe, Jr., Teacher of the Month? He hopes to take a two year trip around the world on a freighter.



Mr. Thomas G. Ratcliffe, Jr.

## Who?—Ray For Results!

by Elaine Israel

A unique figure among all the humdrum personalities who make up much of the world today is a woman who sits behind her desk in Room 2-15. She derives satisfaction from a basically nerve-racking job. This rare person is Mrs. Ray Levine, the lady with the salt-and-pepper hair, who maintains the equilibrium as receptionist-secretary for the counselors and unofficial guardian angel for the students.

At the beginning of each term, before the incoming freshmen are



MRS. LEVINE in a familiar scene.

able to learn the names of their instructors, several questions pop up regularly. Mrs. Levine recalled that when Dr. Margaret Mullin worked for the department many a hapless frosh got her name confused with that of her office companion, Dr. Vera Minkin.

"Where is Dr. Mulkin? Please. I've just got to see him."

"Whom do you want to see?," Mrs. Levine would ask. "Both ladies, Dr. Mullin and Dr. Minkin, are in their offices."

Or, sometimes the confused newcomer had to preserve his pride.

"Please tell me who my counselor is."

Mr. Saueracker," comes the reply.

"Who?"

"Would you like me to spell it for you?"

"Oh noooo."

### Secret Weapons

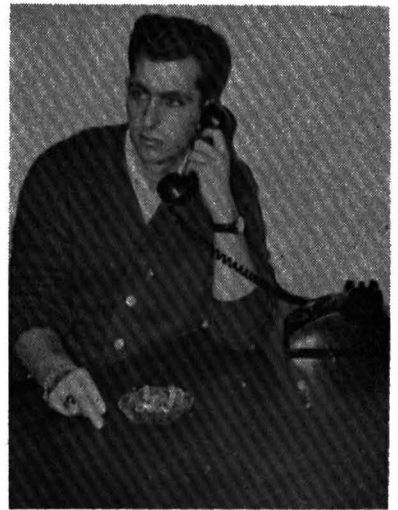
On other occasions Mrs. Levine calls upon her arsenal for help. It contains pins, straps, pencil sharpeners, scissors, staples and needles with thread in a multitude of colors. One day a young man, due to give a speech in class came in on a desperate search for someone to sew his torn pants. After promising not to let anyone even approach the screen behind which she put him, she mended the trousers. Mrs. Levine remembers that she never saw anyone blush so much in her whole life.

Many a time Mrs. Levine has had to calm down hysterical girls who misplaced belongings. She grinned and said, "I have a propensity for losing my pen. It's uncanny. Pens and pencils just disappear."

"I have a great love for people regardless of their station in life. I like people because they are people." Mrs. Levine believes that here lies the key to her happiness

## Student Of The Month

by Elaine Israel



Phil Brodie

"Think not of what you should have done in the past, but what you should do in the future." This adage feels Phil Brodie, our Student of the Month, is the best way to express his philosophy of life. "I try to live by it," he says. "There is no use crying over spilt milk. Grieving won't get you anywhere."

While he is living up to the rule he has set for himself, Phil need not worry about "milk he spilt" at Bronx Community. Some time ago Phil noticed that City College and other schools had blood banks. He felt BCC should start a blood bank. So with Mr. Gabriel Motola, faculty advisor of Ariston Metron, Fred Hoffer and Dennis Semkow, members of Ariston Metron, he initiated a blood bank campaign in this college. The success of the venture depended mainly on word-of-mouth publicity. "It was something new," Phil stated. "We collected only forty-nine pints." They had set a considerably higher goal and were "a little disappointed." But, outsiders agreed that it was a job well done.

Phil has been with Ariston Metron houseplan for two years. With a group of friends he jointed it because, "It was silly of us to get together without a purpose." Ariston Metron is now in the process of expanding its program.

with the work she is doing. She dwelled on her personal life briefly but before long she was again discussing Bronx Community. This, she explained is "a real paradox. I'm always going off on tangents."

Mrs. Levine came to the Guidance Department in August, 1961, after working in Dean Tauber's office. The school was then more a lumber yard than a building. "Students presently at BCC are living on easy street." She smiled and included herself in the statement. "When I saw the office I thought, I'm going to fix it up and have a place where they'll enjoy waiting." At first there were only screens to partition off the various inner rooms. Now it is full of filing cabinets and such. "We've grown out of our short pants," she says wistfully.

### Sixty Seconds

Nothing in Mrs. Levine's office takes just "a minute" as most students insist. Even the most picyune thing has more to it than meets the eye. Many times Mrs. Levine finds herself having a verbal duel with a student whose free hours conflict with those of his counselor. There is always a peaceful settlement.

When a situation warrants a private eye Mrs. Levine is the best Sherlock Holmes you can find. She relates, with quiet modesty, how a worried parent called and asked her to locate his daughter. The girl's program read that she was free. Diligently Mrs. Levine located some friends of the student and after a while managed to find the object of the search in the library. She relates, "On such occasions my compensation exists in things coming to a good end."

If you are a confused freshman or a man-of-the-world upper-classman then the odds are that you, too, will have to approach Ray Levine with a plea for some urgently needed article or a problem that will "only take a minute."

During the fall term Phil was president of Ariston Metron.

As the representative to the Central Houseplan Association, Phil presented the plan for a cook-out at Jones Beach which took place on May 18.

A 1961 graduate of Evander Childes High School, Phil enjoys intramural basketball and is especially enthusiastic about football. He has an older sister and a younger brother. Sightseeing is another of his favorite pastimes; he has traveled in forty states. (He is decidedly against using his feet while doing this!)

Phil plans to make his career in accounting. He will continue his studies at the Bernard Baruch School of Business. Mathematics is the subject which fascinates him most.

Phil Brodie can look back at his years at BCC and know that he contributed to the College. He hopes that he can continue to assist. "I will find time to come back to Bronx Community and again sponsor the blood bank drive."

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# Sport Kuts

by Mike Kennedy

## Awards Dinner

The First Annual BCC Athletic Awards Dinner, which honored inter-collegiate athletes, was held at Hillman's Restaurant on Wednesday evening, April 24. The honored guests included President Morris Meister; Dean Abraham Tauber; Professor Joseph Santora, Director of Athletics and Head of Physical Education Department at Queensborough Community College; Mr. Robert Gutin, Wrestling Coach of Hunter College; Mr. Raoul Nacinovich, Coach at The Fashion Institute of Technology; and Miss Ann Marie Kearns, the president of the Evening Session Student Council. Also present were Mr. Bert Gumpert of the New York Post and Mr. Nicholas Aramonte of the Bronx Press Review.

Varsity letters were presented to members of the werstling team and to the men's and women's bowling teams. The following athletes received letters:

### WOMEN'S BOWLING

Sheila Grubman  
Fran Kornspan  
Eileen Miller  
Gale Page  
Carol Savage  
Susan Schneider  
Enid Schneidman  
Pauline Tillman

### MEN'S BOWLING

Bernard Freid  
Richard Graf  
John Kesecki  
Charles Libidinsky  
Larry Lobel  
Peter Miskin  
Neal Romanoff  
Norman Levine

### WRESTLING TEAM

Dennis Goldberg  
Urman Naeris  
Thomas Phalen  
Michael Ronson  
Harvey Rosenblum  
Arthur Samuels  
Carl Schweitzer  
Lewis Weinberg  
Fred Weithop  
Barbara Kostroff, Manager

Besides varsity letters, some individuals won other competitive awards: **Bronze Medal, NJCAA Tournament and Sportsmanship Trophy** — Michael Dacker; **Bronze Medal, NJCAA Tournament and Outstanding First Year Wrestler** — Lewis Weinberg; **Gold Medal, NJCAA Tournament** — Michael Ronson; and **Outstanding Wrestler** — Fred Weithop. Additional awards went to Bowling Team men: **High Score Award** — Norman Levine; **High Average Award** — Neil Romanoff; and **High Series Award** — Bernard Freid.

President Meister, who once played basketball on the same team as Nat Holman, remarked in his speech, "Although I was not able to continue in sports, I have been in the spirit of athletics all my life."

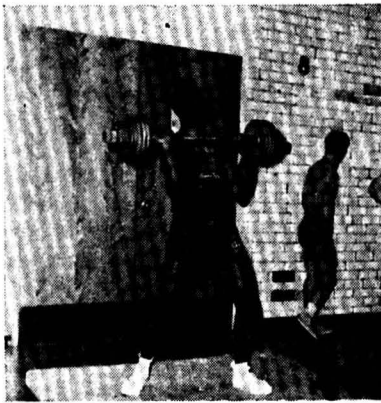
As a tribute to our women's bowling team, Bert Gumpert cited the growth of the acceptance of women in many sports which, until recently, have been played only by men.

The highlight of the evening's presentations came when Dean Tauber presented Professor Daniel McGrath with an "Oscar Award" for 25 years of dedicated service to basketball. This award was given to him by his fellow coaches and showed the esteem and respect he has generated among his colleagues.

## Finally



## Alley-Oop!



## or Umph!

## the Communicator

# Portrait Of A Coach

Many people tend to measure the ability of a coach by how well his team performs. This method would greatly underate the talent of Mr. Michael Steuerman, the coach of our wrestling team. He labors under handicaps which few of his fellow coaches have to suffer. His main problem is that none of the men who go out for wrestling have had any experience in the sport before. Unfortunately this means that Mr. Steuerman must develop each wrestler from scratch. Despite this handicap the team finished in fifth place, and individuals took one first place, two third places, and two fourth places in their weight divisions at the NCJAA Eastern Regional Tournament. This is attributed to Mr. Steuerman and his ability to develop wrestlers.

### Faces Problems

Unfortunately there is another problem that must be faced. When the wrestlers reach their peak, at the end of their second year, it is time to say goodbye. In his short career here, Mr. Steuerman has supplied CCNY with three wrestlers for their varsity team. This is a good sign of his ability to develop boys into wrestlers.

Mr. Steuerman's wrestling career started at CCNY. In his freshman year he went out for the team and he realized how a man of any size could excel in wrestling. He also realized wrestling developed self-reliance, self-discipline, and character. He went on to become a member of the CCNY varsity squad. After he graduated, he became a teacher at BCC and initiated wrestling in the physical education program. Noting that many students showed an interest in the sport, he decided to create a varsity wrestling team. The team did not fare well, at first, due to their inexperience. However, under Coach Steuerman's guidance it has been steadily improving.

### Simple Formula

Coach Steuerman is very devoted to his team. He sacrifices his personal time in order to guide the practice of the team. He is always pushing them to do their best at all times. To help wrestling, in general, he has conducted several clinics for high schools and high school teachers in order to show them how to teach the sport to their students. All of the men on the team admire him and try to do their best for him. Next year, thanks to Mr. Steuerman, the wrestling team should be a more formidable one.

# OnTiming OurNationalPastime

by Tom Ratner

Baseball has been rocked by various rules changes this season. Among the most controversial have been those governing the balk and the strike zone.

However, the most worthless and unnecessary changes are those which were designed to speed up the playing of games. Pitchers are now required to wait in the on deck circle before they come to bat. When catchers are due to hit they must remove their shinguards before entering the on deck circle. Managers must remove

stalling devices, but they may also mean the difference between winning and losing a ballgame.

Also to be considered is the fact that every season has its share of rhubarbs, fights, rain delays, and long innings. The pace at which a pitcher delivers from the mound also governs the length of a game. In the long run, the average time in which it takes to play a regular season game should not be altered, and the danger of this whole situation is that baseball officials will soon realize the futility of these rules changes and impose a definite time limit instead. This, more than any other "evil" so fearfully spoken of by a misguided minority of fans, sports-writers, and club officials, could destroy baseball.

The case for running the game of baseball by a stop watch might be valid if it were true that it is basically a dull game. But baseball history indicates that this is not the case. So, too, do recent figures released by Commissioner Ford Frick's Office which show that baseball set an all time high attendance record in 1962. Advance ticket sales for 1963 have outpaced those of any other season to date. So much for the empty charge that baseball is losing its appeal.

### Baseball's Greatness

Rules changes are necessary in any sport. But they should be used for the purpose of correcting existing flaws in the conduct of play. They should never be instituted for the sake of change itself, or to appease the whims of malcontented followers. Baseball owes its greatness to the extra inning. Let's keep it that way and have no more tampering with our National Passtime.



their pitchers from the game upon their second trip to the mound, unless the hurler has been injured. Pitchers may now take only five warmup pitches instead of eight when they enter a ballgame or when they warm up between innings. These rules are strictly enforced in the American League and more loosely interpreted by National League umpires. Nevertheless this increasing trend toward speeding up the game is threatening the basic characteristic of baseball which has set it apart from all other sports—it has no time limit.

These new rules changes will not significantly reduce the amount of time in which a baseball game is to be played, and in fact may simply create additional nuisances for managers and players. If a pitcher must now wait on the on deck circle, suppose a manager wants to pinch-hit for him at the last minute? The pitcher must then be called back to the dugout to make way for the pinch-hitter. If catchers must remove their shinguards while waiting in the on-deck circle they will only have to put them on again when they go out to catch. The reduction of the number of warm ups for a pitcher is a meaningless change because most pitchers don't throw eight warm-ups every inning anyway. Numerous trips to the mound by the manager are often used as

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Students expecting to seek financial assistance for the next academic year, either loans or campus work, should submit their applications by June 7 and request an interview with Dr. Rachel Wilkinson, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Financial Aid to Students. Application forms are in her office, Room 2-16, and may be secured from the secretary, Mrs. Ray Levine.

Dr. Wilkinson will be glad to discuss possibilities of financing college education through loans from the New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation, and from the Federal Government. The loans are available to financially-needy students and are an excellent and convenient way to invest in a student's future.

Another aid for which students should be eligible is the Scholar Incentive Award. Students who have not received these, and who have not made application for them, should write: The New York State Scholar Incentive Program, The University of the State of New York, The State Education Department, Regents Examination and Scholarship Center, Albany 1, New York.

### To Qualify

Students must carry at least 12 credits to be eligible for Scholar Incentive Awards. The maximum amount of these awards is \$50.00 per semester. The deadline for making application for the Fall Semester is June 25. Applications should be received in Albany by July 1 for those applying for 1963-1964. Students who are receiving awards for this year will automatically receive applications for next year.

# Tuition — Topic on TV

by John Poka

The NBC-TV "Direct Line" recently had as a guest Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education. Dr. Rosenberg answered questions on the "City University and Its Future." The League of Women Voters forwarded questions received from the public to the moderator of the program who queried Dr. Rosenberg on the pertinent problems in the city colleges of the City University.

Tuition predominated as the main issue. Dr. Rosenberg said that the present free tuition has been a tradition since 1847 and any reversal in this policy is not being considered, although the State has granted the City University the right to charge tuition.

Replying to questions on Community Colleges, Dr. Rosenberg mentioned that he hopes eventually to have free tuition or "scholarship" introduced in the Community Colleges. Non-matriculated and pre-matriculated students are charged tuition because of their part-time status. There are possibilities of opening two more Community Colleges since the present ones are so successful. Although over 50% of the students go on to four-year colleges. The students who attend Community Colleges receive excellent pre-professional training.

Financial assistance may also be available from the place of employment of parents or relatives. Some companies provide education grants to their employees. Some of the organizations which make such allotments are: Ford Motor Company, Atlantic Refining Company, General Electric Company, Western Union Telegraph Co., Philip Morris, Inc., Food Fair Stores, Curtiss-Wright Corp., Esso Foundation. Students should determine from their parents or from company literature whether such opportunities exist for them.

### Other Sources

Other sources of financial aid are from institutions and organizations, including veterans, religious, cultural, civic and fraternal groups. Examples of these are: The Army Relief Society, The Scholarship Foundation Inc., The National College Student Foundation Inc., The Fannie and John Hertz Engineering Scholarship Foundation, N.Y. State Congress of Parents & Teachers, Inc., National Scholarship's Service and Fund for Negro Students, Tolstoy Foundation, Inc., Armenian Students' Association of America, Inc.

### Information

A special Bulletin Board devoted to Financial Aid information is located in the corridor outside Room 2-16. Announcements concerning loans, campus work applications, and Scholar Incentive Awards are posted there.

Since tuition and student charges must be paid in cash at the time of registration, Dr. Wilkinson urges that students make their financial plans well in advance of the opening of the Fall term.

## Charter Days

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esteemed president of the College. The honors were presented to them by Dr. Vera F. Minkin, student Mary Ann Tritto, and by the Hon. Joseph Periconi, Bronx Borough President, respectively.

Coincidentally, May 11 is the date of the inauguration of Dr. Meister to his post as BCC President—five years ago.

### Report on Drive

The scholarship fund drive results were reported at this event by Dr. Rachel D. Wilkinson, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Financial Aid. Prof. Martin May, Chariman of the Faculty Association, was the toastmaster.

Dr. Kenenth T. Doran, Associate Executive Dean for Community Colleges of the State University of New York, was among the distinguished guests present. The entertainment for the day was provided by Mr. Irving Ceasar who is responsible for the hit songs, "Swanee," "Tea for Two," and "Be Happy," Mr. Ceasar was the lyricist for many of George Gershwin's songs. In addition, the faculty-duo of Dr. Marvin Salzberg and Dr. Ernest Sharo offered piano and violin selections.

The Faculty Committee on College Occasions, headed by Dr. Vera F. Minkin was responsible for the Thursday and Saturday functions. Mrs. Morris Meister, Mrs. Abraham Tauber, and Mrs. Sidney Silverman assisted the committee.

## College Checked By M.S.A. Team

by John Poka

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accreditation team, present on the BCC campus for three days last March, observed and evaluated the College. Their report was submitted to the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. During the past five years BCC held its accreditation by virtue of its affiliation with the City University of New York. Starting in September, 1962, sub-committees of faculty members, under the direction of President Morris Meister, conducted a thorough self-evaluation of the College and prepared a 109-page report which was turned over to the MSA Team.

### 13-Man Team

The MSA evaluation team was comprised of thirteen prominent educators who examined all areas and departments of the College. The members of the committee were: C. O. Williams, Chairman, Dean Emeritus at Penn State; Kenneth Burchard, Director of Evening and Part-time classes at the Carnegie Institute of Technology; Edward F. Carr, Associate in

## Rosenberg Re-elected Chairman of B.H.E.

Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg was elected for the seventh time as Chairman of the Board of Higher Education at the annual meeting of the Board on May 20. In a message to the Board members right after his re-election, Dr. Rosenberg made the following comments concerning the planned air-space campus BCC hopes to have in the near future: "At a conference with the Mayor last Wednesday . . . We urged immediate action on specific projects on each college campus. For the Bronx campus a request was made to authorize the architects to explore the feasibility of joint use by Hunter College and Bronx Community College of the air site over the yards of the Transit Authority with the ultimate purpose of constructing a new campus for Bronx Community College and an auditorium and cafeteria which both colleges would use. Both urged prompt approval of the survey, and if preliminary and final plans are approved rapidly and construction funds provided, the new twelve-acre campus could be occupied by 1968."



NIGHT LIGHT: Ann Marie Kearnes, president of Evening Session Student Council addressed the guests at the Charter Day banquet.

Higher Education at State Education Department; Prof. J. J. Defore, Head of the Physics Department at Southern Technical Institute; Forrest P. Dexter, Scholarship Officer and Associate Professor of Geology at Union Junior College; William R. Halstead, Director at Gaston Technical Institute; Gerhard Magnus, Director of Instruction and Specialist in Liberal Arts at the Philadelphia Museum College of Art; Warren S. Owens, Director of Libraries at Temple University; Dr. Albert V. Payne, President at Mohawk Valley Technical Institute; B. F. Pierson, Chairman of the Biology Department at Montgomery Junior College; F. C. Smith, Dean at York Junior College; Eleanor A. Tourtillot, Coordinator of Education for Nursing at Henry Ford Community College; and J. Mack Tucker, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at College of Engineering, University of Tennessee.

Soon after their visit, a report on the findings of the evaluation committee, listing commendations and recommendations, was sent to President Meister by Dr. C. O. Williams.

### Impressions

The team considered BCC a "challenging new college" administered by competent people who are experienced in the field of education. They thought it noteworthy that BCC has received grants from foundations. The faculty is regarded as better than at most two-year colleges. The curriculum in Liberal Arts and Sciences is strong and vigorous. The Registrar's Office and procedures are excellent.

Among the recommendations the team proffered was that the Dean of Administration should discontinue as Director of the Evening Session and he (Dean of Administration) should have an assistant. Due to the big increase in enrollment of the Evening Session a separate officer is needed.

The accreditation team expressed the hope that BCC will continue to develop in line with the two-year community college philosophy and not strive to become a four-year college, either in spirit or in context. They suggested an integrated budget for Day and Evening Sessions. They recognized the obvious need for more library space. They urged more emphasis upon year-courses rather than one-semester courses.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the Middle States Association will render its decision on the accreditation of BCC sometime in June.



VOICE OF THE ALUMNI: Stanley Klein, president of the Alumni Association, spoke in behalf of his group.

## Dean's List Announced

As part of the Charter Days celebration, students who achieved and maintained high academic records were honored at the Thursday evening, May 9, program in the College Auditorium.

The following students who attained a minimum average of **B** in all their courses for the semester starting September 1962, were placed on the **SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST**:

### Day Session

LIBERAL ARTS: Richard L. Baum, Diane R. Becker, Estelle Berfas, Nina F. Bloom, Peter R. Breyer, Murray Bruckel, John W. Burghardt, Ottorina DeCastro, Sanford R. Edlein, Joel M. Faden, Frances Freeland, Louis A. Gagliano, Carrie J. Graham, Flora Gubin, John Karpik, Elizabeth A. Keller, Susan M. Kleinfeld, Maxine W. Krauss, JoAnn Krohn, Cynthia J. Lepore, Nicholas T. Lepore, Geraldine E. Levin, Gerald Nagele, Steven Rabinowitz, Marc Reeves, Lorraine B. Rosenblum, Carol L. Rosenheimer, Michael T. Ruggere, Rosalinda Sakarian, Dorothy L. Salzman, Rina Shuttoni, John Tarpinian, Gregory M. Weiss.  
PRE-ENGINEERING: Thomas M. Altrui, Michael V. Blondi, Irvin J. Gastman, Frank F. Klepeis, John E. Klepeis, Norman Levine, Nicholas Nazarenko, John Philitsis, John A. Roger, Phil Sapper, Jorge Villali.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Accounting): Leslie S. Ashby, Martin A. Schwartz.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Retailing): Gerald A. Breglia, Gladys R. Edinger.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Exec. Secretarial): Brenda Joseph, Renee Morando, Myrna Socol.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Legal Secretarial): Donna Castagna, Rosalinda Kosoff, Carmela Rega, Maryann Tritto.  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Arthur M. Samuels.  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Abraham Assa.  
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY: Sharon J. Moss, Elaine Roscoe.  
NURSING: Sister Johanna Callahan, April Crowe, Maurice A. Gaeas.

### Evening Session

LIBERAL ARTS: Ruth Auerbach, Marion R. Fraenkel, Ahmad Houshmast, Claire H. Poletti, Eleanor Unger.  
PRE-ENGINEERING: Ben S. Grundstein, Moses Lisbonne, William Schramm.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Accounting): Carl R. Danziger, Albert M. Rugani.  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Marvin B. Rose, Mark M. Rosenberg.

The following students who have maintained a minimum average grade of **B** during their entire college career (as of January 1963) were placed on the **CUMULATIVE DEAN'S LIST**:

### Evening Session

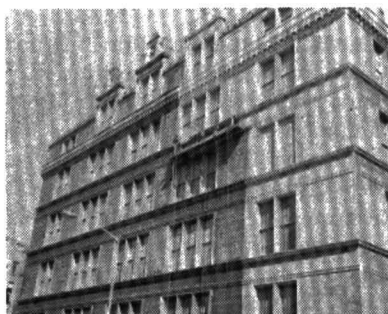
LIBERAL ARTS: Estelle Berfas, Nina F. Bloom, Peter R. Breyer, Joan E. Dellimore, Sanford R. Edlein, Frances Freeland, Alan M. Goldstein, Susan M. Kleinfeld, JoAnn Krohn, Cynthia J. Lepore, Nicholas T. Lepore, Lorraine B. Rosenblum, Rosalinda Sakarian, David Weill.  
PRE-ENGINEERING: Thomas M. Altrui, Anna M. Franzem, Frank F. Klepeis, John E. Klepeis, Eliezer Limonchik, Vincent Mancini, Anthony Maysonett, William Preinsberger, John A. Roger, Lawrence A. Warden.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Accounting): Martin A. Schwartz.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Exec. Secretarial): Renee Morando.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Legal Secretarial): Hellana Dapena, Carmela Rega, Rosalinda Kosoff.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Retailing): George J. Lipuma.  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: James F. Traynor.  
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY: Sharon J. Moss.  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Abraham Assa.  
NURSING: April Crowe, Maurice A. Gates, Linbania Jacobson, Aretha Holmes, Annette Milne, Sister Dolores Stauffer.

### Evening Session

LIBERAL ARTS: Ralph A. Basso, Grace L. Berry, Anna K. Bieber, Eva M. Burkett, Agnes Castelluccio, Sylvia L. Clark, Kathleen A. Cook, Irene J. Daly, Marie H. Devlin, Ellen Doliner, Mary Donahue, James J. Downey, Hugh J. Fitzpatrick, Richard C. Graf, Lillian Horn, Aida C. Irizarry, Etta M. Kutner, Anahid Manogian, Frank E. March, Sarah R. Martenucci, Leona M. Richman, Diane E. Roloson, Ethel Saslow, Joel S. Simon.  
PRE-ENGINEERING: Moses Lisbonne, Arcangelo L. Maritato, Hugh M. Monaghan, Bas I. G. Phillips, William Scramm.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Accounting): Catherine C. Cassidy, Charles D. Dunn, Robert Genovese, Robert U. Gioia, Gertrude Levine, Jeremiah F. McCarthy, Rita M. McGeehan, Kathleen M. Murray, Gerald R. Paele, Ruth A. Robertson, Dorothy G. Schwartz, Louis C. Tinelli, Eugene A. Vitale, Edward C. Walters.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Retailing): Arnold S. Hyman.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Exec. Secretarial): Faye R. Braxton, Edith G. Freter, Marilyn H. Kleiner, Barbara D. Laudante.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (Legal Secretarial): Sylvia Cutler, Adrenne S. Moses, Eugenia Nieves.  
BUSINESS & COMMERCE (School Sec'y): Nettie Amdurer, Mamie Forman, Sadie Henkind, Sylvia Kipnes, Vita P. Marks, Anna B. Patterson, June Simons, Florence Steinberg.  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: G. Fred Benz, Henry Cavaluzzo, Thomas M. Cox, Thomas J. Crotty, Klaus Jaffe, Jacob Lubin, Clorinto J. Russo, Stuart Simon.  
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY: Doris C. Barnie.



## Face Lifted Business



The general renovation of the main building of BCC, part of which is the steam blasting of the exterior, is now almost complete. The work done on the structure includes the pointing (filling in cement between bricks), and sand blasting of the foundation. The windows will be cleaned after the steam blasting.

New landscaping of the college grounds, the planting of ivy and other shrubbery, will be redone because the greens planted last year did not flourish.

Mr. David Greenberg, of the Business Office, stated that the cost of giving BCC a new "outlook" will be approximately \$23,470.

## Science Grant Received

Bronx Community College, in co-operation with CCNY, has received a grant for \$9400 from the National Science Foundation. This is the third such grant which BCC has received from the Foundation.

Dr. Alexander Joseph, Head of the Department of Mathematics and Physics, will be director of this In-service Institute for Teachers of Physics and Related Subjects. Dr. Alexander Joseph and Professor David Sacher will instruct high school teachers in the latest developments in the field of physics and related subjects. This instruction will be on a graduate level and will be offered through the graduate school at uptown CCNY.

## "Parlez-vous" Contest Held

The French Club sponsored their second annual French Recital Contest on Thursday, April 4, 1963. A total of forty-one students participated. Among them were students from all French classes beginning with 01 through French IV. Two of the students who participated had completed French IV and are no longer attending French classes.

The judges for the contest were Dr. Jirina Sztacho, Dr. Donald McCulloch, Mrs. Catherine Ferguson, Mr. Paul Lalli, all of the Modern Languages Department, and Mr. David Raher of the English Department. The contest was organized and presented under the supervision of Dr. Sztacho.

In addition to the many contestants, there was a large audience which applauded the contestants with enthusiasm. The contestants performed so well that the judges had a very difficult time in deciding the winners of the contest.

The following students were awarded prizes:

**1st Prize** — Rina Sbuttoni, a student in French II who recited: "Pelican" by Alfred de Musset.

**2nd Prize** — Rosalinda Sakarian (not French this semester) who recited: "Complainte" by Paul Verlaine.

On April 25, 1963, the Business Club had as its guest speaker, Mr. Phillip Atkinson, who addressed the group on the topic of Business Education in Ghana.

Mr. Atkinson is an outstanding business educator who has taught for many years at the University of Hawaii, Arizona State University, and New York University. He has written a number of articles for leading publications and is co-author of a new textbook on the Medical Secretary.

Under the auspices of the Ford Foundation, Mr. Atkinson and Dr. Agnew, Executive Vice President of New York University, made a trip to Ghana last summer to make a study of facilities for business education, and to make recommendations for their improvement.

To give the club some historical background, Mr. Atkinson presented the differences in the educational systems of the United States and England. The development of education in Ghana, he explained, is based on the English system with its strong foundation in the academic development of the elite. Training for business is, therefore, sadly lacking. Teachers are poorly trained in business and equipment is lacking, but student interest is high and the need is great. Mr. Atkinson expressed the belief that there would be vast strides for advancement in the field of business competencies in the near future.

The club members revealed great interest and were delighted with the personal anecdotes of life in Ghana which Mr. Atkinson related.

President, Business Club  
Charlotte A. Burke

**3rd Prize** — Suvilla Ford, a student in French IV. She recited: *Poeme No. II des "Antiquites de Rome"* by Joachim du Bellay ("Nouveau venu, qui cherches Rome en Rome").

**4th Prize** — Marion Fraenkel, French II, who recited: "Le Pitre" by Paul Verlaine.

The following three students who are in elementary French classes received honorable mention: Carol Crivelli, Marilyn Libe, and Robert Sarosi.

The Modern Languages Department is extremely proud of Marion Fraenkel who came to the College last semester with a severe handicap. She is almost deaf and relies on lip-reading to a great extent for hearing. Dr. Sztacho has been working diligently with her and the result has been remarkable. Miss Fraenkel's pronunciation of French was one of the best in the contest.

All of the above students received Certificates of Merit. In addition, the Modern Languages Department presented prizes of French books to the first three winners.

The members of the Modern Languages Department were proud of the interest and enthusiasm which the students displayed in preparing for the program.

## Tech Open House Held

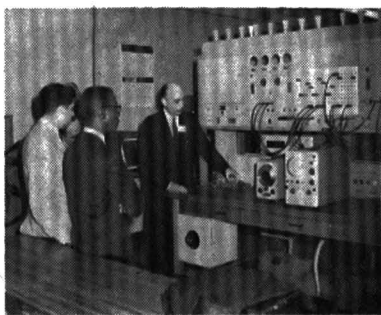
The Second Annual Open House for students interested in Engineering and Engineering Technology was held at BCC, on Friday evening April 5, 1963. High school students, parents, and other persons interested in careers in these areas, or interested in helping young people to get started in them, were invited to attend. Guidance counselors, high school administrators and mathematics and science faculty attended a conference and preview earlier in the afternoon.

The evening program included opportunities to chat with technology faculty members, professional engineers, college experts on requirements and guidance personnel. There were opportunities to visit the newly equipped laboratories of the College, to hear a brief talk on "The Engineer and the Engineering Technician of Tomorrow," and to enjoy exhibits, demonstrations, and refreshments.

The Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Technology Department of Bronx Community College presented the program in order to stimulate interest in college programs and to recruit young people for this important segment of the American economy and technology. Students interested in becoming engineers, as well as those who prefer to and are equipped to go into the technology phases, attended this event.

The people responsible for the success of Open House were Prof. Stella Lawrence, of the Electrical Laboratories; Prof. Oleg M. Rodzianko, who coordinated the Mechanical Engineering Technology and Mr. Fred Berger, who coordinated the Electrical Engineering Technology Laboratories; and Prof. Herbert Tyson, Open House coordinator. Prof. Tyson commented that student-volunteers contributed immeasurably to the success of Open House.

The Bronx Community College Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department is equipped with the most up-to-date apparatus. There are few other institutions that are so well equipped.



DEMONSTRATION: Prof. M. Stillerman, Chairman of MEET Department, introduces students to lab instrument.



ANOTHER DEMO: Tyrone Munro explains things to visitors.

## Lecture Series Features Pulitzer Winner

Five special lecture-programs were presented at Bronx Community College during April and May.

The first program offered Henry Hewes, speaking on "The Contemporary Theatre in Transition." Mr. Hewes who is Drama Editor and Critic of the *Saturday Review*, based his lecture on the past, present and future trends of the theatre. He said that because of all the new ideas and techniques being introduced in the drama, the theatre is constantly changing. He noted that interest in theatre arts is increasing so much that 313 colleges are now offering a major in dramatic art.

### Educator

Dr. Paul Goodman spoke on April 30, on "Higher Education in America Today." Dr. Goodman, a sociologist, a psychotherapist, is the author of *Growing Up Absurd* and *The Community of Scholars*.

Dr. Goodman, a man with some controversial ideas on education, said that children today are being confined to their own world. For example, some libraries will not recommend books on a higher level than the student's age.

The government, he charged in his speech, is playing a bigger role in the field of education. Colleges are being underrated and graduate schools are pushed because the latter can do government research work. This trend is to brainwash students into thinking in terms of research for the government.

### Pulitzer Winner

The day after the 1963 Pulitzer Prize winners were announced, May 7, Dr. Leon Edel, winner of the Pulitzer Biography Award for 1963, spoke at BCC on *The Nature of Biography*. Dr. Edel discussed his award winning biography of Henry James. Students and faculty were delighted to have the honor and privilege of hearing Dr. Edel. Dr. Edel is a professor of English at New York University; he is the author of *The Psychological Novel*, and he is also the 1963 winner of the National Book Award for his biography of Henry James.

## Weekend in Washington

The International Club, a student organization of the Evening Session, sponsored a week-end excursion to Washington, D.C., May 18-19. Eighty-five BCC men and women boarded buses which took them to the nation's capital for two-days of sightseeing.

Their itinerary included visits to the Capitol Building, the National Gallery, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The BCC contingent broke into three groups which visited (a) the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Franciscan Monastery, and Howard University; (b) the Washington Cathedral, the Islamic Shrine; (c) the Library of Congress.

The total cost of the complete trip, including transportation, lodging, meals and souvenirs, was approximately \$15. The arrangements for the trip were made by a committee assisted by Mr. Paul Rosenfeld, faculty advisor to the International Club.

Faculty members who accompanied the students were: Prof. and Mrs. Carl Saueracker, Miss Jacqueline Gardinier, Miss Marion Stringham, Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, and Mr. David Raher.



SPECIAL GUEST: Pulitzer winner Dr. Leon Edel with Prof. Wm. Walter Duncan, chairman of Faculty Cultural Committee.

### Physicist

Since "variety is the spice of life," another speaker at the College was from a completely different field. Dr. Mark Zemansky, the renowned scientist and author, spoke to the Physics Club on the subject "Modern Aspects of Super Conductivity."

Dr. Zemansky, one of the foremost physicists in the United States today, is a professor of Physics at the City College of the City University of New York. His career included: Fellow in Physics at Princeton University; President of the American Association of Physics Teachers; recipient of the Oersted medal in 1956; editor of the *American Journal of Physics*; president of the Metropolitan Section of the American Physical Society; member of the staff of the Cryogenic Laboratory at Columbia University. He is the author of *Resonance-Radiation of Excited Atoms* (with Mitchell) and *Heat and Thermodynamics*.

Dr. Zemansky was presented to the students of the Bronx Community College under the joint sponsorship of the Physics Club and the Faculty Cultural Committee.

### Science Writer

The last program in the series was presented on May 21 when Dennis Flanagan spoke on "The Sciences as Humanities." Mr. Flanagan is editor of *Scientific American* and a former staff writer for *Life Magazine*.

All the programs, except Dr. Zemansky were presented in the newly renovated Auditorium of the College. The public was invited to attend and there was no admission charge. The Faculty Cultural Committee, headed by Prof. Wm. Walter Duncan, sponsored the 1963 Lecture Series.

## Music Series Ends Season

The concert season at Bronx Community College ended with a fine program on May 17 featuring the Metropolitan Opera bass-baritone, Eugene Brice. Mr. Brice's program included a variety of selections among them operatic arias, art songs, and spirituals.

The College Auditorium rocked when the John La Porta Jazz Ensemble presented their concert on April 26. Mr. La Porta introduced the numbers on the program with brief comments regarding the style of the jazz being played. The La Porta aggregation was a highlight at one of the Newport Jazz Festivals.

The four concerts in the BCC spring series were sponsored by the Faculty Cultural Committee. The musicians for these occasions were provided by the recording industry Trust Funds, with the cooperation of Local 802, A. F. of M. The concerts were open to the general public and were free of charge.



# Clubs

Our clubs are in full swing with interesting, enjoyable and enlightening programs.

Father Edmund Netter, chaplain of the **Newman Club**, delivered a series of lectures on March 14, March 28 and April 25. He discussed, "Dating and Courting," "Choosing a Mate" and "Vocations."

The Honorable Joseph McGovern, a member of the Board of Regents and Professor at the Fordham Law School, spoke at the annual Communion Breakfast of Newman Club. It was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church on May 19. The club's faculty advisor, Dr. Henry White, commented, "This is a first. We neevr had a member of the Board of Regents address any college function."

**Hillel** showed films recently dealing with Jewish holidays. With the support of a growing membership, the club hopes to sponsor at the College the appearance of various figures in the entertainment world.

Members of the **Math Club** planned games of "tic-tac-toe." These were no ordinary games, however. Instead of playing games among themselves their challenger was an Educated Robot.

The **Spanish Club** invited Senor Leonard Covello, Chairman of the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to speak here. His topic was "The Migration of Puerto Ricans to the United States."

For the benefit of those students who are seeking a way to learn or to improve language skills, the club showed color films of the culture of Latin American countries. The Spanish Club wishes to promote the learning of Spanish in all possible aspects including reading, writing, speaking and generally enriching the student's knowledge of the cultural heritage of the Spanish speaking countries.

Bronx Community College offers extensive courses in accounting, more than those found in most community colleges. Since there is such a strong interest in accounting as a career, a very worthwhile organization was formed in the fall of 1962, the **Accounting Club**. Through the club's efforts the members are given the opportunity to apply and increase their accounting know-how in an enjoyable manner. This spring Prof. Robert Kissel presented a lecture on taxes and distributed pamphlets furnished by the Internal Revenue Service in order to help members prepare their own returns.

The **Philosophy of Literature Club** sponsored a series of lectures on pertinent topics in humanities. Miss Regina Pomeranz opened the series with a lecture on contemporary American literature. Mr. Thomas Colwell discussed existentialism, and a speaker from Fordham University lectured on the meaning of faith in the present society. Dr. Richard Loughlin discussed the comic spirit in literature.

# Technical Talk

Mr. Vernon J. Fowler, Engineering Specialist in Laser Modulation for General Telephone and Electronics Laboratories presented an illustrated lecture-demonstration on "Lasers and Light Modulation" to a capacity audience of students and faculty members on May 16, in Room 519. "The word 'laser,'" said Mr. Fowler, "is an acronym standing for light amplification by the stimulated emission of radiation." The gaseous laser demonstrated at the talk employed a mixture of helium and neon.

Recently, General Telephone and Electronics demonstrated a laboratory model of a communications system which transmits and receives television pictures on a light beam generated by a laser. The demonstration was believed to be the first transmission by laser beam of a signal carrying television information. The methods of modulation used in this system were described by Mr. Fowler.

The meeting climaxed a highly successful year for the BCC Student Branch of the IEEE (Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers) under the leadership of Robert J. Conticchio, Chairman; James Eschenberg, Vice Chairman; Edward Gerri, Secretary; and Gilbert Ramirez, Treasurer. Prof. Stella Lawrence is faculty advisor.

## Events

Other highlights of the year included trips to the Naval Applied

# Have Tux, Will Model

by Elaine Israel

An over-flow crowd of faculty members and students converged on Room 519 on May 9, to view a men's fashion show of formal apparel staged by After Six Formal Wear. The outfits were modeled by male members of the Retailing Club.

The commentary on the fashions was provided by the Public Relations Director of After Six, Mrs. Millicent Prince. A discussion on "Marketing and Merchandising a Formal Wear Department," by Mr. Norman Fryman, Vice President of After Six Formals, came as a prelude to the presentation. He stressed the enormous growth of the men's formal apparel business from one of five million dollars in 1946 to one of 65 million in more recent years.

## Student Models

A variety of tuxedos was modeled. Dave Bernstein walked on the stage first in a pale blue, wash and wear suit. He was followed by Stuart Farber in a dacron and cotton blend material with broad subtle stripes. One of the handsomest jackets of the show was worn by Jerry Breglia. Retailing at "a very expensive price," it was of white shantung. Joel Sanders wore a handsome yarn-dyed silk with a black shawl collar. The jacket itself was a pearl grey. Arnie Miller modeled "The Maharajah" which was unique with its dark but outstanding design. The cool black and white striped seersucker, modeled by Dennis McTurner, drew special attention because it was the prize offered to the person holding the winning ticket in the

Science Laboratory at the U. S. Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, N. Y., to the International Telephone and Telegraph Company at Nutley, N. J., to the New York Telephone Company at 140 West Street, N. Y. C., and to the James Forrestal Research Center in Princeton, N. J. The all-day trip to the James Forrestal Research Center featured a visit to the Princeton-Pennsylvania Proton Accelerator or Synchrotron in the morning and the Model C Stellarator in the afternoon. It is hoped that information obtained with the C Stellarator and similar devices will eventually lead to the design of a controlled thermonuclear reactor.

Mr. Conticchio urges all students

# Engineers Meet

by Terry Tullman

The BCC Evening Session chapter of the Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers (IEEE) sponsored an informative lecture and demonstration on the evening of April 26.

Mr. Rick Alexander, representative of Hewlett-Packard Company, spoke on "Instrumentation." His presentation of a highly technical concept was enthusiastically received by the students and faculty members present. Mr. Alexander explained and demonstrated the uses of instruments such as the **frequency counter** and **oscilloscope**. He stressed their importance in the fields of communications, medicine, missilery and accurate testing.

Many amazing developments in the field of **instrumentation** have made possible such incredible operations as tracking, pinpointing, identifying and analyzing small objects at great distances. The speaker reported that, at the present time the rate of development of instruments maintains at least a half-step lead on the rest of the industry and, with more technicians applying their skills to the field, the rate of growth is almost unlimited. Many technical concepts were presented by the speaker, and the students present, almost all from the Mechanical and Electrical

interested in current developments in science and engineering to join the BCC Student Branch of the IEEE. Branch members participate not only in college branch activities, but also in the activities of the Metropolitan Branch of the Institute which features talks and demonstrations on such topics as: manned lunar landings, cryogenics, tunnel diodes, observations of the planet Venus, etc. Members also receive the IEEE Student Journal which describes, in easily understandable form, current developments in science and engineering. Membership blanks are available in the Electronic Engineering Technology office or from any of the officers.

Engineering Technology curricula, enjoyed the opportunity to hear Mr. Alexander discuss these technical ideas and developments.

During a recess for refreshments, Mr. Frederick Berger, faculty advisor for the Evening Session IEEE group, and Albert De Luna, president of the chapter, and several other faculty members, joined Mr. Alexander in an open discussion of the general state of the electronics industry. It was interesting to note that mechanical and electrical technicians are more in demand than engineers, and in most cases more highly paid.

Mr. Alexander remarked several times on the excellence of the facilities at BCC in the M.E.T. and E.E.T. curricula. He affirmed that BCC had some of the best modern lab equipment of any school in the area and that the faculty were among the best in their field.

Mr. Alexander further explained that Hewlett-Packard, as well as other companies, sent their technicians an engineers to school one month out of every year, just to keep them astride of all new developments and changes in the industry. These companies, he stated, paid all tuition, in addition to the regular salary of the man.

Mr. Alexander extended an invitation to all those present to visit the Hewlett-Packard plant in San Francisco should they be in the West, and to see the **Technical Design Show** opening there in August.

contest run by After Six. Gary Nissman and James Lieto wore their tuxedos with vests. Gary's jacket was of black mohair; Jim's had a satin notch collar.

Just as with everything else, there is also a correct way for a gentleman to get dressed. Neal Romanoff demonstrated this. First he put on his shirt with studs in place of conventional buttons. The shirt had french cuffs. Instead of struggling with a self tie. his bow tie clipped on the collar of his shirt. Then came an adjustable vest of madras. This outfit became very

popular this year as a result of national advertising.

## Door Prize

After this demonstration, there was a drawing for the seersucker dinner jacket. Miss Minerva Chalais' name was the first chosen. She graciously declined the prize. Ventura Simmons' name was then pulled from the box and he was declared the lucky winner.

The show was arranged for by Mr. Benjamin Cutler, retailing instructor in the Business and Commerce Department.



JUST AN INFORMAL VISIT: Pres. Meister smiles approvingly as student models show him what the well-dressed BCC student should wear.

# Retailing

A "Red-Letter Day" for 18 Bronx Community College retailing students was May 6. With Mr. Benjamin J. Cutler of the Business and Commerce Department in charge, they visited the National Association of Men's Sportswear Buyers' Show, and also enjoyed a guided tour of the Alexander's Fordham Road store. BCC guests for the day were retailing students from Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, New York, escorted by Dr. Joseph Hecht of the Dutchess Community College faculty.

## Fancy Stuff

After arriving bright and early (8:00 a.m.) for a buffet breakfast at the Fashion Institute of Technology on West 27th Street in Manhattan, the retailing students strolled into the beautiful auditorium to view "Sound the Fashion Alarm for Fall '63," a fashion show set to music, presented by the National Association of Men's Sportswear Buyers and *Sports Illustrated* magazine. The breakfast show dramatized in song, dance, and humor, the big fashion trends in outerwear, rainwear, sweaters, sport coats, slacks, shirts, furnishings, dress shirts, neckwear, hats, and accessories. The retailers saw "red," specifically Oxblood, introduced by NAMS in October, sparking nearly all sportswear and furnishings lines, as worn by such well-known stars of the show as Larry Kert (of "West Side Story") George Irving, Marilyn Lovell, and Mort Marshall.

Later in the morning the NAMS Show at the New York Trade Show Building, 8th Avenue and Thirty-Fifth Street, was toured. With Mr. Norman Levine, Associate Buyer of Howard Clothes; Mr. Martin Deutsch, Buyer for Berry Bucket Department Store, Richmond, Virginia; and Mr. Samuel Taylor, owner of Taylor's Department Store, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, graciously serving as guides, the group of retailing students visited the Mighty Mac, Cooper Sportswear, Interwoven Hose, Superior Trousers, and William Barry exhibits.

## Eat and See

After a hearty luncheon at the BCC cafeteria the hardy collegians set forth once again for the nearby Alexander's Store at Fordham Road and Grand Concourse. With Prof. Marvin Hirshfeld in charge, the group assembled in the Personnel Department where Mr. Jerold Braun, Director of Personnel at Alexander's and a part-time instructor at Bronx Community College, gave a brief history of Alexander's and described its merchandising policies. Following a question-and-answer session, a behind the scenes tour of the store, with the Assistant to the General Manager and the Merchandising Manager of Alexander's as guides, took place. A vast and complex organization works backstage at the store in order to insure efficient receiving, marking, ticketing and control of merchandise prior to its appearance on the sales floor; Personnel Department and merchandising operations were also observed up-close and with expert commentary by the store executives and hosts.

After refreshments at Alexander's Snack Bar, farewells were said to Dutchess Community College student guests and to Dr. Hecht as they boarded their chartered bus for their return trip up the Hudson.



## Arriba!

The members of CULTURA HISPANA spent a very intimate evening at San Miguel Restaurant earlier this year. Our BCC Spanish Club had a touch of Mexico in a cozy, cheerful atmosphere. San Miguel is a restaurant at 85 Washington Place in the heart of Greenwich Village. However, our group of BCC students and Senor Armas could have been south of the border at a gala fiesta according to the pervading environment.

They served us arroz con pollo (rice with chicken), a typical Spanish dish. The dinner was garnished with wine, music and jokes and we tried to speak "solamente en espanol." This led to more merriment as helpful hints were given for correct pronunciation. Nevertheless, it was natural to find oneself thinking in Spanish which, for a person without a Spanish background is a great accomplishment. Most important was the sharing: the easy exchange of language, ideas and culture.

We were not too many in number, but it was a very pleasant evening. The service was good and soft lights and Mexican murals enhanced the gaiety. Our club is looking forward to having more activities in the near future and we, dear readers, hope you'll join us.

Marilyn Kalsch  
Member, Cultura Hispana



**BIG BUSINESS:** Mr. George Farkas, Chairman of the Board of Alexander's addresses future retailing execs. Others at the forum were (left to right) Mr. Meyer Waldman, President of Larry's Men's Shop; Dr. Bernard Corbman, Chairman of the Business & Commerce Dept.; Mr. Ed. Gold of Fairchild Publications; and Mr. Benjamin Cutler of the Business and Commerce Department.

## Retailing Forum Features Experts

by Arlene Cash

The Department of Business and Commerce was engaged in a forum on April 3, 1963. The second annual **Retailing Forum** sought to acquaint high school students with the current retailing techniques. Potential retailing students were given an opportunity to meet and speak with experts in this field.

Present at this day-long program were several important guest speakers. Mr. George Farkas, Chairman of the Board of Alexander's Department Store, spoke on **Trends and Expectations** in business. A host of profound and far reaching innovations in buying and selling trends were discussed. Mr. Meyer Waldman, President of Larry's Men's Shops, exchanged views on the topic **The Independent Merchant Meets Retailing's New Challenges**.

**The Retailing Revolution**, and the **Affects of Customer Shopping Habits on Retailing Operations**, were vital topics commented on by Mr. Jerome Walker, Assistant Gen-

eral Manager of Alexander's, and Mr. Ed Gold, Feature Columnist of Fairchild Publications.

During the afternoon session, the aspiring retailers split into groups for specific panel discussions. Topics ranged from **The Value of a College Education to A Student's View of Retailing**. After the topics were discussed, a general question and answer period followed.

Bronx Community College offers a curriculum planned around extensive business courses. Primarily concerned with the textile and clothing industry, BCC offers a variety of courses in buying and management. However, book learning is not always enough, and the College has found that experience is the best teacher. In an effort to create this experience, the annual **Retailing Forum** came into existence. This is one of several ways in which Bronx Community College endeavors to enlighten currently enrolled prospective students about the fascinating field of retailing.

## Variety Night

Bronx Community College students demonstrated their enthusiastic support of their first Variety Show. The show which was sponsored by the Student Council Social Committee, was presented in the Auditorium on April 17.

The program included musical selections ranging from Beethoven's "Fleurise" for the lovers of classical music, to "Dateline Newport" to please the jazz buffs. The entertainment included two amusing presentations by the Drama Club, "Male and Female" and "Growing Up in the New World." A demonstration of hypnosis by Richard Peters captivated the audience.

### Skits and Combos

The attractive Dolores Rivera, in her role of Mistress of Ceremonies, showed an eagerness paralleled only in the Drama Club's skit when Irene Ingrassia was finally kissed by Paul Mifsud. The humorous spoof by Gloria Acosta of Vaughn Meader's imitation of President Kennedy aroused mirth in the audience. The Newports, an exuberant instrumental group, played "Bossa Nova a la Newport." Other

participating groups in the Variety Show included the Erie Singers, Delphites, Sigma Omega Pi, Eastchester Four, Bob Carrol Trio, Arthur Strickler, Modern Dancers, BCC Folksingers, Kenneth White-side, Marilyn and Merdis, Latin Jazz Messengers, Rambling "5," and the BCC Jazz Workshop.

Attending the Variety Show were President Morris Meister, Dean and Mrs. Abraham Tauber, Dr. Clement Thompson, Prof. Daniel McGrath and other faculty members.

## The Fleshmans on TV

A BCC student and her family have been selected as the subjects of a special nationwide television program.

Miss Ione Fleshman will participate in the Directions '63 program to be presented on WABC-TV on June 23, 1963. The theme of the program will be a still-life picture study of the daily life of an average Negro family in New York City. Photographs were taken of Miss Fleshman during her class hours in order to depict her usual college routine.

The program will be sponsored by The National Council of Catholic Men, a federation of Catholic men's organizations.

## Fun at Show-Dance

The second annual spring fashion show, sponsored by Bond's Fifth Avenue, was presented in the Crystal Room of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, on April 26. A dance followed immediately after the fashion show.

Miss Lois Luckerman representing Bond's Department Store was the Fashion Co-ordinator. Gale Page, who modeled in last year's fashion show at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, was a model and the program co-ordinator.

The fashion show presented the latest in women's and men's wear. Fourteen Bronx Community College students modeled the clothes supplied by Bond's.

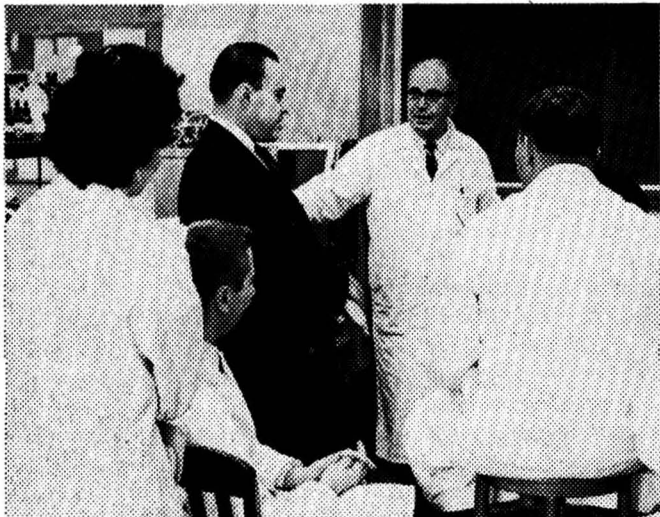
The dance that followed the show was a credit to the BCC Student Council Social Committee which sponsored the event. The Orlando Marin Band supplied the Latin American beat while the Caso Band played rock 'n' roll for the swingers in the group.

The crickets given out to the students by the Social Committee were used in dancing the Latin American dances. Door prizes which included five albums and three orchids were won by lucky ticket holders.

### Notice:

Post examination office hours (P.E.O.H.), which have been regularly scheduled in past semesters, will not be scheduled this term. Students who wish to discuss their final examinations or any other aspect of the semester's work in the course with their instructors must make their own appointments for conference time after the final examination. Some instructors will announce in advance the hours they will be available for conferences.

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**FOOD FARE:** Administration officials and students confer on cafeteria plans.

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# Justice Please

The first session of BCC's Student Court was held on Thursday, May 9. Unfortunately, the proceedings were more in keeping with the spirit of a carnival rather than with that of Charter Day.

What purported to be the trial of a student for a specific offense was turned into a soap box debate between the prosecuting attorney and the defendant. Also indicative of the ineffectiveness of the court was the fact that the defendant was unable to secure an attorney for his defense and had to act as his own counsel; that the presiding justices seemed totally confused and unequipped to handle the situation; and that proper legal procedures were either forgotten, ignored, or deliberately violated.

## Tarred and Feathered

The prosecuting attorney, rather than sticking to the simple issue of the case (the question of the defendant placing his feet on a table in the cafeteria—a capital offense) seemed bent upon stigmatizing him permanently and would not have been satisfied until the student was tarred, feathered, and run out of town on a rail.

We, by no means, condone the student's behavior. Placing one's feet (or even one's legs) on a table that was meant to be eaten on is not an acceptable practice. But neither can we condone the suggestion of the prosecuting attorney that a letter describing this incident in detail be placed in the student's record as a permanent reminder of his offense; to be used as a barrier against his being accepted to another school or as a means of preventing him from being employed. Such a punishment would not fit the crime and we feel that the prosecuting attorney was totally out of line in even attempting to influence the justices as to their final decision. Such irrational lust for this kind of warped justice should not be tolerated.

## Court Filled

It is further interesting to note that the courtroom was filled to capacity and that several observers had to stand. The fact that such an event drew more of an audience than most other BCC functions suggests that admission should be charged for the next session. On the basis of what took place on Charter Day, a student or instructor seeking entertainment would certainly get his money's worth.

We are in complete accord with any effort on the part of the students to govern their own affairs as much as possible. But if the disciplining of a fellow student is to be handled in such an irresponsible fashion, as it was in this case, it would be better to leave this function in the hands of the faculty.

# Dedication To Athletic Aches

One of the most important publications any school has to offer is its yearbook. (For verification simply ask the nearest senior.) *Genesis*, the Bronx Community College yearbook, is nearing the final stages of completion and the *Communicator* extends its heartiest congratulations to its entire staff and special commendations to its editors Marcia Bouton and Louis Lagala and to Prof. Walter Duncan, able faculty advisor of *Genesis*.

Although this year's book seems to have all the essentials needed to make it the best in our school's short history, it lacks in one specific area.

One of the first things a senior looks for (besides his own photo) when he opens the cover of his yearbook is the page reading "Dedicated to . . ." Yet, for the first time the BCC yearbook will carry no such page. For some reason the staff of *Genesis* found it unnecessary to dedicate their publication. We feel that this is a grave injustice, an affront, to all those who during the past five years gave their all to make Bronx Community College what it is today, a leading community college. Surely the editors of *Genesis* could have come up with a better choice than none!

The *Communicator* hopes that next year's editors will look upon the yearbook dedication in an entirely different light and make a wiser decision.

The time has come to take a good long look at BCC's athletic program. We now have a wrestling team, a men's and women's bowling, and recently Student Council agreed to the formation of a *tiddly-winks* team. We understand that a match with Harvard is currently being considered.

This is all very admirable, but what about a baseball team, a basketball team, a track team and a swimming team?

Certainly there have been obstacles to the formation of these teams and we are by no means ignorant of the problems. The lack of funds and the difficulty in finding qualified coaches are problems which are all too familiar, particularly in light of the fact that Bronx Community College is only five years old. The renovation of the building and the necessity of holding classes elsewhere during these first few years have aggravated our athletic situation considerably.

## Obstacles To Overcome

Nevertheless, the Athletic Committee of Student Council has failed to act significantly on the pile of petitions for new teams that have been submitted to it. We congratulate Paul Mifsud, the chairman of the committee on his appointment to the position of captain of the tiddly-winks team. We now ask only that he find some means of informing the student body of these difficulties and explaining to them the reasons that there have been no new teams instead of sitting on their petitions as if they were eggs that he hopes will hatch someday. The student body will appreciate the reasons for the lack of new teams if those reasons are properly communicated to them.

## So Far So Good

We applaud the efforts made thus far in the expansion of our athletic program, but we cannot believe that it will fail to expand further. As a unit of the City University of New York, Bronx Community College should, in the near future, be able to compete in a representative program of inter-collegiate sports. But without the proper support from the students and faculty, BCC will be in danger of falling short in this field. We by no means suggest that academic considerations should be ignored. Studies come first, and a definite index requirement for participation in all sports is a necessity. But athletics serve as a useful and vital outlet for students as well as a means of developing a sense of responsibility. Furthermore, college pride and spirit is significantly enhanced by an active participation in inter-collegiate sports.

We trust that students and faculty alike recognize these factors and will do their utmost to further the athletic development of BCC, and, by the same token, maintain the tradition of academic superiority that is such a vital characteristic of the City University.

# Baloney, Mr. Mahoney!

When a busload of BCC students journeyed to Albany to join in the mass protest against the establishment of tuition at the State University, the State Legislature was considering a motion to discharge the Abrams Bill from committee; a bill designed to restore the legal safeguard against the charging of any tuition at the state and city colleges.

The decision of the legislature is all too well known to the thousands of students and their families who will be directly affected by the new tuition laws. The bill was buried and the way was made clear for Governor Rockefeller and his pro-tuition steamroller.

However, it remained for Mr. Walter Mahoney, the Senate majority leader to further aggravate the situation. The day following the demonstrations and the vote on the Abrams Bill, he arose in the Senate and made a most dramatic speech, deploring the student protests, calling the picketers "alleged beatniks," and wanting to know: "Who do these kids think they are, anyway?" He further charged that several members of the legislature had been hounded by the students and demanded an investigation. The Democrats countered with a demand for an investigation of reports that state police were deployed to certain State University campuses to "discourage" student participation in the demonstrations. This motion, of course, was quickly voted down.

## Student Conduct

We feel that Mr. Mahoney's question and charges should be answered. First of all, the limit of the law was strictly observed at all times by the students. There were verbal protests shouted out during the picketing which is to be expected. But there was not one incident of rioting or property damage. As for his charge that certain legislators were hounded by

students, then they must have had extraordinary powers of detection because there just were not any legislators to be hounded. A few students were able to single out a familiar Senator or Assemblyman, but most of them were not to be seen until the opening of the session. It can be added that thirty-three Republicans were not to be seen when the vote on the Abrams Bill was finally called. These absences must be considered as the equivalents of negative votes.

Mr. Mahoney should know that the right to peaceful assembly and public protest is basic in the foundation of our democracy. No one has more of a right to speak out against unjust legislation than those who are particularly and personally concerned with it. It is easy for Mr. Mahoney to denounce student demonstrations because it is not his pocket that is being picked as a result of these drastic revisions in the tuition policy of the state. We realize that his remarks were addressed at a time when tempers were short and the political thermometer was at the boiling point. But if Mr. Mahoney

does not believe in the right of free expression then he has no business serving in a popularly elected office.

A final reminder to Governor Rockefeller. In the 1964 elections, many college students will vote. So, too, will their families and friends. We know that the Republicans will attempt to obscure the tuition issue by bringing others into the forefront, but the tuition issue will be kept alive, not only by the students but by those legislators who are sincerely concerned with the education crisis in our state and nation. We would like nothing better than to see the Governor defeated by President Kennedy in his own state. The prospects of this eventuality are far from remote. Perhaps such a jolt will finally serve to convince the Governor and his supporters that he has gone overboard in his attempt to prove that he really is a Republican. Perhaps it will further serve as a lesson to those ignorant politicians who insist upon running a twentieth century government on the basis of nineteenth century theory.

Circular Reasoning



# The Final Say

Post examination office hours (P.E.O.H.) have been a controversial question among the faculty of BCC for quite some time. A few months ago President Meister, with the assistance of Prof. Martin May, chairman of the Faculty Association, and Dr. Wynn Reynolds, chairman of the BCC chapter of the American Association of University Professors, initiated a study concerning the value of P.E.O.H. Part of this study was a poll taken of the faculty to determine their opinion of these conference hours.

As a result of the faculty canvass, it was learned that the faculty feels that the students at BCC have misused and misunderstood the purpose of the P.E.O.H. Students had turned the conference hours into a time for quibbling over grades.

Following the faculty poll, Dr. Meister, Prof. May, and Dr. Reynolds said they would analyze the problems of P.E.O.H. and try to suggest a more workable system that will satisfy both the faculty and the students. At a later meeting of the entire faculty a vote was taken on the motion to abolish the P.E.O.H. By a small margin the motion to abolish was passed.

It appears that no suggestion for modification of the P.E.O.H. plan was acceptable to the majority of the faculty. It was left to the individual instructor to make his own P.E.O.H. if he desired, or to the sincerity and eagerness of the student to make an appointment with his instructor if he truly desired a conference.

It would seem that a basic form of education has been abolished here. Can this decision be the right one? Why wasn't a workable system for P.E.O.H. found?

The faculty say that the students have not lost their opportunity to confer, if necessary, with their instructors. Instructors are always willing to see a student by appointment. Some instructors who opposed the P.E.O.H. maintained that in the past they sat in their offices for hours — scheduled hours — and not one student showed his eager face to review the exam.

Perhaps this is rationalization on the part of the faculty. The present haphazard system, or rather lack of system, not only removes the motivation for attendance to these conferences, but gives the student the almost impossible job of locating his instructor.

We agree that the students have misused the P.E.O.H. in the past. The reason might be that the present system for appealing grades is very involved and time consuming. Perhaps a P.E.O.H. system that might involve compulsory attendance of all students, which would assure each student an opportunity, should be considered seriously. Whatever the system, we feel one is needed. It is not right that we should continue in a manner that is displeasing to the majority of the student body and should be displeasing to a conscientious faculty.

# Your Blood Bank

It would seem that the recent Ariston-Metron blood drive was a success. Certainly the 49 pints collected from students was a good enough beginning. It is gratifying to note that the life of a student's father was saved by open heart surgery in which a goodly portion of the blood donated during the BCC drive was used.

But a second look at the effort brings on some reservations. All in all only 5% of the student body donated blood. This turnout was far below the expectations of student coordinators Phil Brodie, Fred Hoffer, Dennis Semkow, and Ariston-Metron faculty advisor Mr. Gabriel Motola.

Apparently many of the students, who perhaps had never before donated blood, were afraid to do so. Such a fear is totally unjustified, although perfectly understandable. There is practically no pain involved in the process of donating blood. A loss of one pint of blood lowers the resistance of the body for a brief period of time. A little extra rest is all that is needed to fully recover normal strength.

We applaud Ariston-Metron for its efforts and its decision to continue the blood drives on a regular basis. We further join in the plea for more active student participation in this life-saving process.

# Why Go To Summer School?

Although most of the knowledge crowd would rather swim than simmer in summer session, there are some poor, maladjusted creatures who find it impossible to break, even temporarily, with BCC. It is for this minority group that summer classes are provided.

One reason for subjecting one's self to "project perspiration" is scholastic advancement. To the BCC grand veteran of three and a half years, summer school is a golden opportunity for him to sign up for two courses, and maybe even pass one.

Socio-physical attachment is another contributing factor in the "why" of summer sweat. Some students go to summer school just to keep an eye on their not-so-bright boy or girlfriend. Unfortunately, the not-so-bright flunky frequently flunks out. It all works out for the best though: his mate winds up falling for a 150 I.Q. who's determined to get his A.A. in

one year. So much for socio-physical attachments.

Summer school also provides an out for would-be babysitters. Many a traumatic experience has been suffered by a young girl whose little brother uses her hairbrush on the family pooch, or by a young man who finds his kid sister blowing bubbles out of his best pipe.

Of course, there are still a few oddballs who claim that they attend summer school for intellectual enrichment. They seem to share the absurd notion that the primary function of college is education. I use the word **absurd** because, as television advertisements so eloquently point out, the primary function of college is to insure financial security.

Why am I going to summer school? Oh, that's easy. I HATE MY MOTHER!

Rita Andrea Varela  
Contributor

# the Communicator

# Box Seventy

## Action

To the Editor:

Upon receipt of the March 1963 *Communicator* I was quite shocked to read in your malicious paper "The Absence of Color" and "Lane Hits HUAC." In regard to the former, Negro James H. Meredith was probably selected by the Communist-front organization the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to propitiate the goals of the Communist Party.

And if you search carefully and prudently, as I have done, for a photostat or reproduction of an actual Communist Party membership card, you will find that the rights and duties of Party members include (quote) "to fight against all forms of national oppression, discrimination and segregation, and all ideological influences and practices of 'racial' theories" and "to fight for the full social, political, and economic equality of the Negro people, for Negro and white unity."

You mentioned that "Governor Ross Barnett was the spark that ignited the opposition against Meredith's attendance at 'Ole Miss.'" Well, perhaps he was the "spark" but you must read your U.S. Constitution, particularly Article IV, Section 4 and more specifically Amendment 10. These words state unequivocally that Governor Barnett was absolutely justified in opposing the admission of Meredith to "Ole Miss." And you must remember, too, that it was the States that created the Federal Government and the sovereign State of Mississippi contributed its share but only later to be ridiculously invaded in the 20th century by some 23,000 soldiers and paratroopers, along with tanks, bayonets, and tear gas bombs.

The Kennedy Administration invaded a peaceful State, not to maintain a law, but to uphold a twisted decision by nine political hacks in the Supreme Court. The Administration is certainly going all-out to intimidate the South to accept race-mixing via violence but does nothing about the Communist regime 90 miles off our shores!

In concluding my remarks, I shall add that if Gov. Ross Barnett vies for a Senatorial position he will have my dedicated support. May God bless him and give him strength and good judgment. He's the kind of American needed to save our country.

Now in regard to your other item "Lane Hits HUAC" you have completely failed to state the views of its advocate J. Daniel Mahoney, New York State Conservative Party Chairman. I believe he opposed Lane's vigorous attack on the House Committee.

The Communists, too, are very much opposed to HUAC. I'm wondering if Mr. Lane is or ever has been a Communist?? And I believe that Mr. Lane is unqualified concerning his remarks and that he never should have been invited to this great institution. If I were a member of the Student Action Club I would have vigorously picketed the halls of BCC protesting Lane's visit. Since this is past, though, I

can assure you that I'll be vigilant of your forthcoming guests.

If Mr. Lane and/or the Communist Party ever succeed in abolishing Chairman Francis E. Walter's Committee, it would definitely be a strategic victory of first magnitude for the Party and its Kremlin manipulators. I, personally, affirm my confidence in HUAC and wish to see it preserved through increased appropriations.

Thus are my criticisms of your paper. In the meantime I suggest you investigate your staff and reporters for they appear to have a heavy influence upon the minds of students at B.C.C. Perhaps you can impeach a few, too.

Dennis C. Coll, L.A. '63  
Evening Session

Member: N. Y. State Conservative Party; Young Americans for Freedom; John Birch Society

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## Reaction

Dear Mr. Coll:

There has never been any evidence whatsoever that James Meredith was "selected" by the N.A.A.C.P. to enter the University of Mississippi. By saying that Mr. Meredith was "probably selected" shows that there is no basis of fact, but is just meant to besmirch Mr. Meredith, and in the process exposes the writer's personal prejudices.

The letter is not only untrue, but libelous in its accusation that the N.A.A.C.P. is a Communist-front organization. In a majority opinion on March 25, 1963, the Supreme Court declared that there is no "indication that the activities or policies of the N.A.A.C.P. were either Communist-dominated or influenced."

What does the quote from the Communist Party membership card indicate? What does it mean to imply? Does it mean that all those who agree with it are Communists? If so, a great many more Americans are Communists than previously believed, for is it not the American ideal, the right and duty of all Americans "to fight against all forms of national oppression, discrimination and segregation, and all ideological influences and practices of 'racial' theories" and "to fight for the full social, political, and economic equality of the Negro people, for Negro and white unity."

Mr. Coll refers to several passages in the Constitution; these unequivocally *oppose* the actions of Gov. Barnett, rather than justify them. Article IV, Section 4 guarantees that the Executive shall act "against domestic violence." of which there certainly was plenty at "Ole Miss." The reference to the Tenth Amendment (giving the powers to the States not delegated nor prohibited to the U.S. by the Constitution), is completely irrelevant, especially in the light of the 1954 Supreme Court decision declaring school segregation unconstitutional.

Now in regard to the criticism of "Lane Hits HUAC," it is quite obvious that Mr. Coll did not at-

# Dept. Head Speaks Out

The renovation of the college building, the lack of facilities, and the unavailability of the YMCA has delayed the growth of our sports program this year. These three conditions also imposed the problem of transportation, communication and limited use of facilities.

College sports require a substantial budget allocation for equipment, officials' fees, travel and other expenses relative to holding games and matches. Limited registration and city budget control the number of personnel available for coaching. BCC is now entering its fifth year and is participating in an intercollegiate sports program of wrestling and bowling. At present there is an active intermural program for men and women in basketball, bowling and volleyball.

## Requirements

Team members are required to give at least ten to twelve hours a week to practice and games. This extra activity makes a serious inroad into the time a student can spend studying. Since the student's primary objective is to maintain a satisfactory academic standing, the time needed for sports activity is a serious consideration, especially since an athlete must maintain a 2.0 scholastic index.

Prof. Daniel McGrath, Director of Athletics, is of the opinion that, by proceeding slowly, the College will continue the fine balance of success in scholarship and achievement in the sports program. The College envisions a baseball team, basketball team and a swimming team, but not all at one time. The capacity of the students to support the athletic program by participation and the city budget will prescribe the extent of the expansion of the athletic program.

tend *either* of the lectures of HUAC (House Un-American Activities Committee), one of which he strongly condemned, and the other praised. This can be seen in that Mr. Mahoney did not speak, but sent in his stead Mr. Frank Capell. An evaluation and judgment of what both speakers had to say by a person who attended neither of the speeches and has no knowledge of the contents of either of the speeches is plainly ludicrous.

The innuendo that "Mr. Lane is or ever has been a Communist" because the Communists also are opposed to HUAC is contemptible. In some of their statements, the Communist Party of the United States spoke out in favor of peace, equal rights, labor and better housing. Does that mean that any American who believes in any of these things is a Communist? Don't you believe in any of these things? Does that mean you are a Communist?

Mr. Lane is a former N.Y. State Assemblyman and has been active in the movement for the abolition of HUAC for some time.

The investigations and impeachments called for is a wild call on behalf of censorship and ignorance, an attack on the freedom of speech and the press guaranteed us by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, as well as a callous affront of the intelligence of BCC students.

Pres. Student Action Club  
Alan Respler





ACCEPT CHARTER

### ASTME Here

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The inspiration for establishing such a student-professional society sprung from thoughts and aspirations expressed by four students in an advanced machine design class more than a year ago. Robert Chillemi, Joseph Mannino, Charles Matuzar, and Olgerts Ore felt a special interest group should be made available to mechanical technology students. But what concerned them most was that the student engineering society should not be a strictly social organization. They desired an activity that would supplement their classroom experiences, solidify their learning and provide them with additional opportunities to express themselves in the engineering field and various phases of the technologies and lead toward your professional development. Thus, the four-man nucleus of student chapter no. 47 canvassed students in the mechanical technology and pre-engineering curricula at BCC in order to organize their student-professional group.

On May 10, twenty-three charter members were initiated into the student chapter. They are: Abraham Assa, Charles Baum, Ronald Behrens, Michael Biondi, Henry Castro, Edward Clancy, Ronald Czernecki, Raymond Elmore, James Febus, Werner Giewat, Herman Klausner, Charles Libidinsky, Laurence Lobel, Salvatore Martorano, Tyrone Monro, Nicholas Nazarenko, William Preinsberger, Mark Rosenberg, and Norman Silberberg, including the four who spearheaded the society. Professor Herbert Tyson of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department is their faculty advisor.

#### Sole N.Y. Group

It is significant to note that the BCC student chapter of ASTME currently is the only student chapter chartered and functioning in the New York metropolitan area. The Bronx Community College chapter is proud that it is meeting and maintaining all the requirements and academic standards set up by the national society. All members have an academic index of 2.0 or better.

Last April, Professor Tyson, was invited to attend an annual national meeting of ASTME in Chicago at which time he participated in a Faculty Advisor's Conference which studied student-chapter development and activities within the organization. Upon recommendation of Prof. Tyson's group, it was

moved to encourage all student chapters in the country to reaffirm their goals and truly seek to further their technical development.

In the BCC chapter one finds not only members from the mechanical engineering technology area but also students specializing in electrical engineering technology. This is in keeping with the purpose of the organization to be open to men (and women) in all phases of engineering and technology related to manufacturing. Prof. Tyson was influenced by remarks made by Mr. Gwilym A. Price, Chairman of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, at the ASTME Honors Awards Dinner held in Chicago last April. Mr. Price commented that the two-year college program, including technical institutes and community college, can do the training and retraining required to keep our technical manpower strong and current. Thus, BCC finds that it has an important responsibility in the scope of engineering technician training.

#### Dinner Ceremony

The chartering ceremonies were held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, Friday evening, May 10, at which time association officers were present to install the new chapter officers and charter the new group. From Detroit, Michigan, came the ASTME Education Director, Gilbert E. Seeley. The chartering officer was the Vice President and Director of ASTME, Arthur Cervenka, an executive with Grumman Aircraft in Long Island. Prof. William Stieffel, head of Engineering and Related Technologies Department of Dutchess County College; and Prof. Richard Steffen, faculty advisor of ASTME chapter at Dutchess Community College were present. Harry Williamson of Long Branch High School, chairman of the Education Committee of ASTME attended.

Representing the ASTME Greater New York Chapter No. 34 were S. Frederick Seeman, Chairman; Roger Sutton, First Vice Chairman; Robert Parks, Treasurer; Prof. Lou Wertman, Chairman of the Education Committee; William Reker, Julius Schoen, and Gerald Abbott.

Bronx Community College was represented by Dr. Morris Meister, President; Dr. Abraham Tauber, Dean of the College; Dr. Sidney Silverman, Dean of Administration; Prof. Manuel Stillerman, Head of the Electrical-Mechanical Engineering Technology Department; Professor Daniel S. McGrath, Jr. and Mr. Fred Berger.

## BCC STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

### Day Session

### NEWSLETTER

(weekly)

### Evening Session

### NEWSLETTER

## the COMMUNICATOR

(monthly?)

### GLEANINGS

--Literary Magazine--

(semi-annually)

### GENESIS

--Yearbook--

(annually)

## “Foreign Affairs”

### Alejandro Alvarez

Alejandro Rodríguez Álvarez, uno de los escritores más famosos y grandes de España, nació en la aldea de Besullo que está en Asturias en el año 1903. Sus padres y hermanos eran maestros y así era natural que les siguiera en esta dedicación espiritual. Pero además de su interés en la enseñanza, tenía interés en la profesión de escritor y escribió muchas cosas incluyendo dramas y poesías. Osi adopto el seudónimo de Casona. El explicó que escogió este nombre porque en Besullo vivía en una casa solariega que fue llamada por todos “la Casona.”

Escribió unas obras antes de recibir en 1933 el premio de Lope de Vega en Madrid para su drama “La Sirena Varada.” En este drama Casona dijo que la verdad, por amarga que fuera, era más deseable que las ilusiones. Tres años después, “Nuestra Natcha” fue estrenada en el teatro. El público lo amó pero la gente que vino al poder después de la Guerra Civil no estuvo de acuerdo con esto y Casona, en 1937, salió de España como desterrado. Para dos años viajó de país a país y finalmente hizo su casa en Buenos Aires, donde vive ahora. Aquí escribió “La Barca Sin Pescador,” que se considera como su mejor drama, y muchas otras obras. Uno de los drama que escribió recientemente (1955) es “Corona de Amor y Muerte” que trata de dos amantes, el príncipe de Portugal e Inés de Castro de Galicia. Es un drama histórico de mucho interés a todo el mundo.

Judy Silverman  
Contributor

### Anoche

*Anoche — a oscuras —  
paseé por la playa serena:  
el frío helaba su arenilla  
y la amarraba con su humedad  
congelada;  
el viento sutil que en la lana se  
escondía  
batió en mi cara sin compasión,  
y dos lágrimas cayeron al mar —  
al romper por la manta sólida —  
y hoy sentí su llegada  
a la oscuridad profunda*

Israel Gonzalez

### Serie De Discurs

Como secuela a la Serie de Discursos de la Facultad sobre “Los Negocios de los Negocios,” Los Señores Doctores Charles R. Monticone, Donald McCulloch, y el Sr. Pablo Lalli disertaron, el día 18 de diciembre, en la misma cafetería de los estudiantes, sobre el tema

“Las Lenguas Extranjeras en los Negocios.”

El Dr. Monticone, jefe del Departamento de Lenguas Modernas, presentó a todos los miembros de la Facultad y, seguidamente, hizo hincapié sobre la importancia y necesidad del estudio de lenguas extranjeras. Como ejemplo, el Dr. Monticone citó el gran número de estudiantes interesados actualmente en aprender lenguas extranjeras.

El segundo orador fue el señor Lalli, quien enumeró campos de la exportación e importación, explicando que los empleados de oficina con deseos de prosperar deberían saber leer, escribir, y hablar más de una lengua.

El primer orador fue el Dr. McCulloch, quien habló de las oportunidades de empleo abiertas a los estudiantes de una lengua extranjera.

En mérito a sus palabras, el Dr. McCulloch mencionó un estudio tomado en la Universidad de Columbia donde se les preguntó a los estudiantes si habían seguido usando lenguas extranjeras después de graduarse. Más de 75% respondieron que sí, lo que demuestra claramente la importancia de saber una o más lenguas extranjeras en los negocios.

El Dr. Monticone indicó la apremiante necesidad de estudiar idiomas aun entre los futuros miembros de gobierno. El habló de la vasta sección de Entrenamiento de leufius de las Fuerzas Armadas a Monterey, California y también del Bureau Federal de Investigaciones en Washington, D.C., sección de la cual el fue jefe.

Como conclusión, el Dr. Monticone expresó también la necesidad de un programa más intensivo en el colegio; un programa que permita dedicar suficiente tiempo al estudio a fondo de un idioma extranjero.

Esta serie de discursos resultó muy interesante y de inestimable valor y puso de relieve dos motivos que justifican el estudio de una lengua extranjera.

Wm. Reed, Jr.  
Contributor

### La Vie D'un Homme

La vie d'un homme  
Chose si précieuse  
Sembler être comme une  
Tâche rigoureuse.  
La vie d'un homme  
Pour ainsi dire,  
N'est qu'une besogne  
A accomplir.  
La vie d'un homme  
Lequel qu'il soit,  
Pleine de malheur  
Et pleine de joie.  
La vie d'un homme  
N'est plus qu'en somme,  
Une vie parmi  
Les vies des hommes.

John Wajsbort

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# Why Is Gamma Black?

by Elaine Israel

We all have opinions on racial prejudices, on inter-marriage and on discrimination. Frequently we sit in tight little groups with people of our own background and discuss our views. It is very rare that we hold candid discussions about the race question with people of another color. There seems to be an invisible line that prevents us from talking frankly.

On March 1 a panel discussion was sponsored by Gamma Iota Gamma, a BCC social organization. The subject for discussion was, "Why is Gamma Black?". The audience filed in slowly at first. There was an aura of curiosity. What could possibly be accomplished? The main issue of why Gamma, an organization that started out integrated and became totally Negro, was sure to be avoided. The question was too frank. Why bring it out into the open? Someone had brought it in the open, however, by going to the faculty advisor, Mr. Paul Rosenfeld, and suggesting the panel. As the panel members took their seats on the platform the room began to fill up with people eager to hear how a pertinent topic could be honestly and tastefully handled.

Richard Peters, former president of Gamma and now serving as President of the Day Session Student Council served as moderator. Walter Simon, Acting President; Sylvia Clark, Valerie King, John Stevens, Louis McCarthy and Mr. Rosenfeld constituted the panel with Dr. Herbert Robbins, psychology professor at the Bronx Community College was guest panelist.

### Discussion

We discovered that there are many reasons why Gamma is all black. Some are personal, others the result of the unwritten by-laws of our society. One member stated that, "The same person who is your friend in school may be hard to socialize with afterwards. People seem to shy away from mingling." Everyone agreed that when a person is brought up almost entirely with people from the same ethnic group he finds it very hard to mix successfully with persons of a different background. There is a fear of being rebuffed. Hates and prejudices are deep-rooted. A college education may change a person's views on politics and academic subjects but does not alter his views about racism. Several members of the panel felt that such views do not change. Others, like Sylvia Clark, expressed the belief that if people just sat down and talked there would be no more problem. "A lot of things happen because we don't lay our cards on the table," she stated. "Our parents have the same ideas as white parents do. I don't believe in inter-marriage. Neither do you. That does not mean that we are prejudiced." The fear of offending is very great, the panel agreed.

Subtle things, such as an unwritten constitution, may be behind the fact that Gamma is black. The members of the panel vigorously denied this but as Mr. Rosenfeld and Dr. Robbins said, "There are many things of which we are not conscious. An outsider senses this much faster than an insider would."

### Membership

Gamma Iota Gamma would like to be integrated but not for the purpose of showing off its broad-mindedness. Walter Simon had an

insight into this problem of "conspicuous friendships." He said outspokenly, "To get someone to invite you to dinner should not be the object of a club or of a friendship. The important thing is to get Negroes and whites to sit down together. Don't say hello to me because I am Negro, but because I am Walter Simon and you like to say hello to me. I do not get up every morning and say: Well Walter, let's see how many white friends you can make today."

In the same manner Gamma does not want to see how many

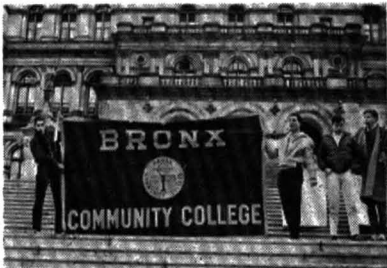
white members it can get. If, as a result of this discussion all that got accomplished was that the panel got across some ideas and destroyed some myths and made people look deeper into themselves, then it did a service. It made those who attended think. Those who had come in alone left with a group of fellow students, each drawing his own conclusions. Those who had gone in together ready to say, "See I told you it is a question that is too blunt," came out knowing that they had gained some knowledge even if no definite solution had been presented. For most of the students who either attended or participated a barrier had been torn down; for some it was just beginning to crumble.

## Albany Conquers All



One of America's greatest freedoms, the one which more than any other separates "Russian Totalitarianism" from "American Democracy," is the right to petition our government. More than one hundred Bronx Community College students, along with several thousand others from different branches of the State University and City University, exercised this right on March 11, when they marched in protest of the imposition of new and higher tuition fees at their schools.

A busload of BCC students, sponsored by the *Communicator* and led by Van Farber and Miss Grace Fischer, left from the front of the college at 1 p.m. and arrived at Albany three hours later. During the trip, Miss Fischer, who is associated with the office of CCNY Public Relations head, Dr. Isidore Levine, conducted an orientation session of the **why's** and **who's** of the tuition plan. Once at Albany, the delegation went into the Capitol Building to seek out their Assemblymen and inform them of the dangers of the new ruling. After a half-hour of "politicking," the group assembled on the Capitol steps and proceeded to join in the long lines of student pickets already marching in protest of the State University Board of Trustees' ruling.



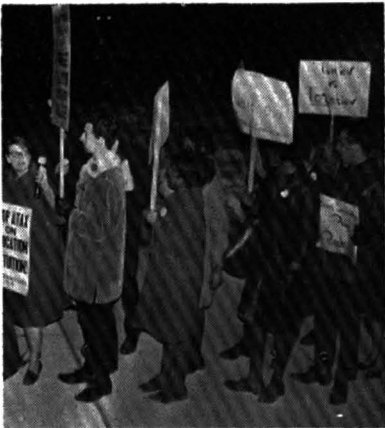
On the Capitol Steps

### Hikers

After marching for three hours (or what seemed like 50 miles), carrying placards reading "Dear Nelson, who do you think we are, Rockefeller?" "Let each become all he is capable of being, not all he can afford to be," and "Tuition is Taxation," the BCC pickets either attended a rally at the Ritz Theater or looked for a shoe repair shop so as to be prepared for the long night march. During the rally, where a score of leaders from the fields of education, government and labor spoke out against the new tuition policy, the throng sang, cheered and shouted vigorously until fatigue or laryngitis set in.

Following the rally, a flashlight march around the Capitol steps took place. The night vigil was interrupted by the cries of hungry stomachs for nourishment. The bus finally rolled out of Albany at 11:45 p.m. amid falling hail, snow, and solemnity. The Abrams bill, designed to remove tuition at State University units, failed to be voted out of committee.

As the bus pulled up to the front of the College at 3 o'clock in the morning, the opinion expressed by the students was "This is just the first skirmish. The main battle is yet to be fought."



The Marchers



### TILL WE MEET AGAIN

With today's installment I complete my ninth year of writing columns in your college newspaper for the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes. In view of the occasion, I hope I may be forgiven if I get a little misty.

These nine years have passed like nine minutes. In fact, I would not believe that so much time has gone by except that I have my wife nearby as a handy reference. When I started columning for Marlboros, she was a slip of a girl—supple as a reed and fair as the sunrise. Today she is gnarled, lumpy, and given to biting the postman. Still, I count myself lucky. Most of my friends who were married at the same time have wives who chase cars all day. I myself have never had this trouble and I attribute my good fortune to the fact that I have never struck my wife with my hand. I have always used a folded



newspaper—even throughout the prolonged newspaper strike in New York. During this period I had the airmail edition of the Manchester Guardian flown in daily from England. I must confess, however, that it was not entirely satisfactory. The airmail edition of the Guardian is printed on paper so light and flimsy that it makes little or no impression when one slaps one's wife. Mine, in fact, thought it was some kind of game, and tore several pairs of my trousers.

But I digress. I was saying what a pleasure it has been to write this column for the last nine years for the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes—a fine group of men, as anyone who has sampled their wares would suspect. They are as mellow as the aged tobaccos they blend. They are as pure as the white cellulose filter they have devised. They are loyal, true, companionable, and constant, and I have never for an instant wavered in my belief that some day they will pay me for these last nine years.

But working for the makers of Marlboro has not been the greatest of my pleasures over the last nine years. The chief satisfaction has been writing for *you*—the college population of America. It is a rare and lucky columnist who can find an audience so full of intelligence and verve. I would like very much to show my appreciation by asking you all over to my house for tea and oatmeal cookies, but there is no telling how many of you my wife would bite.

For many of you this is the last year of college. This is especially true for seniors. To those I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will find the world outside a happy valley. To juniors I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will become seniors. To sophomores I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will become juniors. To freshmen I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will become sophomores. To those of you going on into graduate school I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will marry money.

To all of you let me say one thing: during the year I have been frivolous and funny during the past year—possibly less often than I have imagined—but the time has now come for some serious talk. Whatever your status, whatever your plans, I hope that success will attend your ventures.

Stay happy. Stay loose.

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*We, the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes, confess to more than a few nervous moments during the nine years we have sponsored this uninhibited and uncensored column. But in the main, we have had fun and so, we hope, have you. Let us add our good wishes to Old Max's: stay happy; stay loose.*